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PROBLEMS

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1. USDEL ASSUMPTION CORRECT THAT WE CANNOT ACCEPT
PARAGRAPH 2 LANGUAGE OF IFAD RESOLUTION URGING ONLY
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO BRIDGE IFAD CONTRIBUTION GAP. WE
SUGGEST PHRASE "ALL INTERESTED COUNTRIES" IN PLACE OF
"DEVELOPED COUNTRIES."

2. PROPOSED G-77 RESOLUTION ON REPORT OF THE WORLD FOOD
COUNCIL REPRESENTS YET ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO EXCEED THE LEVEL
OF AGREEMENT ACTUALLY REACHED AT THE COUNCIL. SO CALLED
"RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND SESSION" WERE IN FACT
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RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE PREPARATORY MEETING FOR FURTHER

ACTION BY THE MINISTERIAL SESSION, AND INCLUDED NUMEROUS RESERVATIONS BY SEVERAL DELEGATIONS. THE MINISTERIAL SESSION TOOK NO FURTHER ACTION BUT SIMPLY FORWARDED THE REPORT TO OTHER BODIES. THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTS THE WORK OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL AND BELIEVES THAT IT SHOULD RETAIN ITS POSITION AS THE HIGHEST BODY WITH THE TECHNICAL COMPETENCE TO ADDRESS FOOD POLICY ISSUES.

WE BELIEVE THIS TOPIC SHOULD BE HANDLED BY MEANS OF A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE WFC, ENDORSING ITS WORK, AND REFERRING THE RECOMMENDATIONS AS AGREED IN THE WFC REPORT FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF MEMBER STATES. IN THE EVENT THIS APPROACH IS NOT FEASIBLE, DELEGATION SHOULD AT LEAST INSURE THAT THE RESERVATIONS INCLUDED IN THE WFC REPORT ARE RETAINED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, EITHER IN THE MANNER DESCRIBED STATE REFTEL OR BY OTHER MEANS SUCH AS THE FOLLOWING: -

A. "1. .RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL, AS AGREED IN ITS REPORT."

B. "1. .RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED BY THE SECOND SESSION OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL."

C. ACCEPT LANGUAGE AS PROPOSED, BUT INSERT IN TEXT OF ANNEX PROPOSED BY G-77 THOSE RESERVATIONS INCLUDED IN THE WFC REPORT (A/31/19).

3. IF PROPOSED G-77 RESOLUTION REMAINS FOCUS, PHRASE "IS CONTAINED IN" SHOULD BE, IF POSSIBLE, CHANGED TO "ARE ATTACHED TO" IN PARAGRAPH 2. ROBINSON

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